

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virginia "Gincy" Jones of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Virginia "Gincy" Jones of Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was an exemplary person and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of J.D. and Marie Schultz Slaughter, Virginia "Gincy" Jones hailed from a family steeped in the history of Cleveland and whose roots in the town stretch back to the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, known as "Cleveland's First Mother," Ms. Jones gave birth to the first child, her son W. Allen, Jr., born in Bradley Memorial Hospital; the First Mother's Garden at the hospital is dedicated to her memory; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was an active and devout member of the Broad Street United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully throughout the entirety of her life; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Jones was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, W.A. "Bill" Jones, Sr., who preceded her in death, and was the proud mother of W. Allan, Jr. and Janie Jones, Amy and Richard Banks, and Anne Jones; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by adoring grandchildren Courtney Jones, Abby Jones, Will Jones, Bailey Jones, Allison Banks, and Bradley Banks, and by her sister-in-law, Edith Sullivan Hyde; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Gincy" Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Virginia "Gincy" Jones, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.